

SENATE BILL 2209  
By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 15, relative to the construction of a toll road.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The department of transportation is hereby directed to begin planning, site selection, design, engineering and acquisition of rights-of-way for the construction of a four-lane toll road from Johnson City to Nashville. Such toll road would go through the counties of Hawkins, Hancock, Claiborne, Campbell, Scott, Fentress, Overton, Jackson, Smith, Wilson and Davidson. Whenever practicable, the toll road shall go through economically distressed areas of such counties.

SECTION 2. The toll road shall include all necessary bridges, tunnels, overpasses, underpasses, interchanges, entrance plazas, approaches, connectors, tollhouses, service stations, garages, restaurants, and administration and storage facilities, along with all property, rights, easements and interests for construction and operation.

SECTION 3. Such toll road shall include a center division, ample shoulder widths, two (2) or more lanes in each direction and grade separations at intersections with other highways and railroads.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 15, is amended by adding Sections 5 through 8 as a new Part 2.

SECTION 5. The department of transportation shall have the authority to fix, revise, charge, and collect tolls for transit over any toll road in the state. The department shall have the authority to develop, construct and operate toll roads in this state.

SECTION 6. Tolls imposed on a toll road shall be sufficient to pay for the construction, maintenance and repair of such toll roads.

SECTION 7. Any person who uses any toll road and does not pay the toll provided commits a Class C misdemeanor. In addition to any other penalty imposed by law, the department shall have a lien upon the motor vehicle driven by the person for the amount of the toll and may take and retain possession of such motor vehicle until the toll and any penalties are paid.

SECTION 8. The commissioner of transportation shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to title 4, chapter 5, to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.